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Title: Polymeric Thickeners for Oil-Containing Compositions

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR 1.56

Sir:

In fulfilling the duty of candor and good faith, the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 (two copies) are disclosed to the Office in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56. It is not admitted that the information in the listed documents is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(b). The Examiner is asked to consider these documents and to return an initialled and signed copy of the PTO-1449 after doing so.

Also attached is a copy of each of the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. Insofar as the attached documents have markings thereon, no significance is intended by such markings.

Applicant believes that because this Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the first Office Action on the merits, no fee is due. If this is incorrect, please charge any necessary fee for consideration of this Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 19-2090 (Sheldon & Mak).

It is believed that this Disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56 and MPEP 707.05 (b). If for some reason the Examiner thinks otherwise, he is asked to call the undersigned so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

Respectfully submitted,

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